

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 163
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend John Vaughan for his 30 years of meritorious service as the minister at Graymere Church of Christ.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary citizens who have given unselfishly of themselves, their time and their talents to perpetuate the public good; and

WHEREAS, minister John Vaughan is an inspirational minister who is a voice of God's message of love in the pulpit of Graymere Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of Columbia, Maury County, he joined the Graymere congregation in 1967 and during his tenure there has been a valuable asset to the community; and

WHEREAS, throughout John Vaughan's excellent service as minister, he has adhered to the common sense approach and has displayed the common touch in all endeavors, working well with old and young alike; and

WHEREAS, a deeply concerned person who serves God by serving those in need is highly regarded for his knowledge and ability to teach others of the power and strength of the Lord; and

WHEREAS, the son of Jimmie Harvey Vaughan and the late J. Roy Vaughan, he was born in Montgomery, Alabama and spent his early childhood in Miami, Florida. He moved to Nashville while in the seventh grade and graduated from David Lipscomb High School and David Lipscomb University; and

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WHEREAS, his 40-year ministry began in 1957 when he began preaching on weekends. He says that he never seriously considered another profession; and

WHEREAS, John Vaughan has said one of his greatest delights was having the opportunity to be a founding member of the board at Columbia Academy; and

WHEREAS, another bright spot for John Vaughan is Graymere's medical missions effort in which several doctors and nurses go to Central America at least once a year setting up medical teams and helping poor people in the villages and teaching them about Christ in meetings at night; and

WHEREAS, over the years, he has made 13 trips to the Holy Land and preached in Jerusalem, Athens, Greece and Alexandria, Egypt. He recently returned from one of four missionary trips to India; and

WHEREAS, John Vaughan is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife of thirty-six years, Hilda King Vaughan, to whom he gives a lot of credit for his successful ministry. Mrs. Vaughan has taught in the Maury County school system for twenty-two years and currently teaches second grade at Baker Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Vaughan is the proud parent of two children, daughter Vicki Markham, son John Roy Vaughan III, and three grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, he is the perfect example of a person totally committed to God, family and the highest ideals of public service and it is fitting that he be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend John Vaughan for thirty years of meritorious service as minister of Graymere Church of Christ and salute his commitment to God, his family, his community, and the state of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

